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SUBJECT: UN REPRESENTATIVE VIEWS SWAPO

1. ON AUGUST 14 HISHAM OMayAD, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA IN LUSAKA, MADE THE
FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ABOUT SWAPO TO EMBOFF.

2. SWAPO DELATION IN NEW YORK: FRONTLINE STATES
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OAU ARE TAKING WESTERN INITIATIVE
ON NAMIBIA MORE SERIOUSLY THAN SWAPO. AT LIBREVILLE,
FOR EXAMPLE, AT LEAST TEN AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE
IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT SWAPO MUST NOT MISS THE
CURRENT OPPORTUNITY TO END SOUTH AFRICAN RULE IN NAMIBIA.
SWAPO HAD ORIGIANNLY INTENDED SENDING A DELEGATION
LED BY VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO TO NEW YORK, BUT PRESIDENT
NYERERE PERSONALLY "HAMMERED" MUHOMA INTO HEADING THE
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DELEGATION IN MUYONGO'S PLACE. ONCE THE DECISION TO SEND
MUHOMA WAS MADE, THE SELECTION OF THE OTHER NINE WAS
ARBITRARY AND THE FINAL CHOICE OF INDIVIDUALS SIGNIFIES
LITTLE. MUJOMA PROBABLY WOULD TELL THE CONTACT GROUP
THAT ANY AGREEMENT REACHED IN NEW YORK WOULD HAVE TO BE
RATIFIED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE EVEN THOUGH HE ALREADY
HAD SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO DO SO.

3. SWAPO LEADERSHIP AND APPEAL: AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT SWAPO'S ABILITY TO WIN FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA. FOR MANY PEOPLE IN NAMIBIA, "SWAPO" IS FAVORABLY IDENTIFIED WITH OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICAN RULE: THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY TRANSLATE INTO POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO. INSTEAD, SWAPO HAS BEEN OPERATING OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY FOR YEARS BUT HAS NEVER UNDERGONE A POPULAR TEST TO MEASURE ITS SUPPORT. MUJOMA HIMSELF IS AN "ENIGMATIC" PERSON: MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AROUND HIM A LONG TIME ARE STILL NOT SURE WHAT HE REALLY THINKS OR STANDS FOR. VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO IS USUALLY SENT TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BECAUSE HE IS YOUNG, ARTICULATE, AND KNOWS HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH FOREIGNERS. MUYONGO'S POSITION IS FAIRLY SECURE BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY HIGH RANKING- OFFICIAL WHO COMES FROM THE CAPRIVI STRIP; HOWEVER, HE IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN SWAPO'S INNER DECISION MAKING CIRCLE.

4. COMMENT: PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION SEVERAL YEARS AGO, Omayad worked on Rhodesian and South African problems for the UN. He is in close touch with SWAPO and current African thinking on the Namibian situation. We have found assessments on Southern African issues both reliable and balanced.

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